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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Information Disclosure Statement***

1. The IDS filed April 28, 2004 was not entered at the time of allowance. Yet, the references cited therein have now been considered to the extent that partial English translations of the references were reviewed against claims allowed by the USPTO as indicated by the Notice of Allowability mailed 3-16-04 (i.e. partial translations of the cited references were reviewed as relevantly indicated by line and column number in the search report entered as "NPL 4/28/04" in IFW).
2. While the partial search report indicates references that would seemingly preclude patentability of something applicant submitted to the European office, the partial search report is nonetheless unhelpful because it does not include any explanation of how the limitations of the claims allowed 3-16-04 are anticipated or obvious in a legal sense under 35 USC 102 and 103 in the United States.
3. An initialed copy of the IDS filed April 28, 2004 is included with this communication.

### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evan Pert whose telephone number is 571-272-1969. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30AM-3:30 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on 571-272-1915. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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